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In re Patent Application of

Masayuki MORITA et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
2-ALKYL-4-ISOTHIAZOLINE-3
ONE

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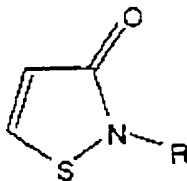
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended). A method of producing 2-alkyl-4-isothiazoline-3-one represented by the general formula (III),



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